

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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A method of producing a gas generator housing part of a thin-walled tube (22, 24) and a connecting piece laterally mounted thereto, is characterized by the following steps: a) providing a tube (22, 24) having a wall thickness (WS) which amounts to a maximum of 10% of a tube external diameter (D) and a minimum tensile strength which amounts to at least approximately 800 N/mm<sup>2</sup>; b) providing a connecting piece having an external diameter (d<sub>0</sub>) which amounts to between 15% and 40% of said tube external diameter (D); c) aligning said connecting piece radially to said tube (22, 24) such that an end face (78) of said connecting piece faces an outer face of said tube (22, 24); d) joining said tube (22, 24) and said connecting piece by friction welding, with producing a relative rotation between said tube (22, 24) and said connecting piece and moving said tube (22, 24) and said connecting piece towards each other; e) a maximum welding time amounts to less than 1 sec, preferably less than 0.3 sec and g) a friction depth (h) amounts to less than 80% of said wall thickness (WS) of said tube (22, 24). This method provides a friction welding process in which the friction depth is less than the wall thickness of the tube (22). There is further proposed a gas

generator produced by such method and a gas bag module including such  
gas-generator. A gas generator housing part is produced of a thin-walled tube  
having a wall thickness which amounts to a maximum of 10% of a tube  
external diameter and a minimum tensile strength which amounts to at least  
approximately 800 N/mm<sup>2</sup>, and a connecting piece having an external  
diameter which amounts to between 15% and 40% of the tube external  
diameter. After aligning the connecting piece radially to the tube such that an  
end face of the connecting piece faces an outer face of the tube, the tube and  
the connecting piece are joined by friction welding. A maximum welding time  
amounts to less than 1 second, preferably less than 0.3 second and a friction  
depth amounts to less than 80% of the wall thickness of the tube.